

# HERKIMER COUNTY FARM STATISTICS

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Herkimer County is located in the north central part of the state in the Adirondack mountains. In 1998, there were 154,600 acres in farms, 17 percent of the county's total 903,680 acres. There were 710 farms in the county averaging 218 acres per farm. Herkimer county ranks 26th in the state for number of farms and 25th for land in farms.

In 1997, according to the Census of Agriculture, the market value of all agricultural products sold from county farms was \$45.8 million. Total sales averaged \$78,600 per farm. The leading products sold were: dairy products, cattle and calves, hay and silage, nursery and greenhouse and vegetables.

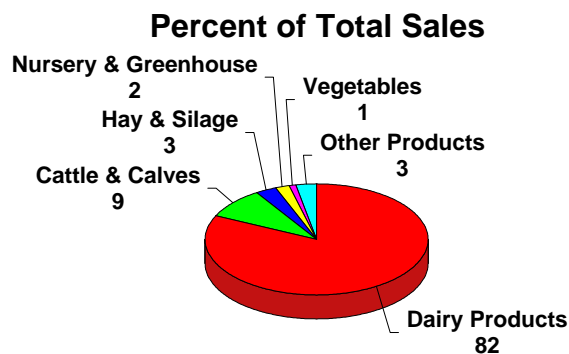
The average value of land and buildings per farm in 1997 was \$206,707. Machinery and equipment were valued at \$58,915 per farm. Total production expenses in 1997 were \$34.3 million for an average of \$58,681 per farm. The Census showed 68 percent of the farm operators reported farming as their principal occupation. The average age of the operator was 53.5 years. Data from the U.S. Department of Commerce showed the average personal income for all wage earners in the county in 1996 was \$18,270.

## LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Product	1997 Sales Thous. Dol.	Percent of Total	County Rank
Dairy Products	37,739	82	16
Cattle & Calves	3,972	9	20
Hay & Silage	1,496	3	25
Greenhouse	802	2	45
Vegetables	478	1	37
Other Products	1,337	3	
<b>TOTAL SALES</b>	<b>45,824</b>		<b>29</b>

1997 Census of Agriculture

## LEADING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS



### FARMS, LAND IN FARMS, AND LAND USE

Year	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Total Cropland 1/	Permanent Pasture 2/	Total Woodland 3/	Other Land 4/
		Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
1940	2,316	292,786	5/	5/	38,365	5/
1950	1,869	282,277	149,155	74,691	45,324	13,107
1959	1,383	261,028	130,956	76,123	43,134	10,815
1969	885	197,903	121,289	5/	32,256	5/
1978	850	200,966	127,413	24,276	37,576	11,701
1982	796	194,363	122,310	22,927	36,837	12,289
1987	790	181,700	113,900	22,100	33,900	11,800
1992	750	179,300	106,300	21,900	37,800	13,300
1993	760	177,100	105,000	21,000	37,200	13,900
1994	745	168,200	101,500	20,400	34,400	11,900
1995	725	163,500	99,500	20,600	32,800	10,600
1996	710	157,100	97,400	20,500	30,400	8,800
1997	700	152,400	95,200	20,700	28,900	7,600
1998	710	154,600	97,600	20,700	28,800	7,500

1940-1982 U.S. Census of Agriculture 1/ Includes cropland pastured. 2/ Excludes cropland and woodland pastured.  
3/ Includes woodland pastured. 4/ Land in house lots, ponds, wasteland, etc. 5/ Not available.

### FARMS BY SALES CLASS

Sales Class	1992	1997
Number of Farms		
Under \$10,000	195	222
\$10,000 to \$49,999	130	92
\$50,000 to \$99,999	114	107
\$100,000 or more	197	162
Farms Reporting	636	583
U. S. Census of Agriculture		

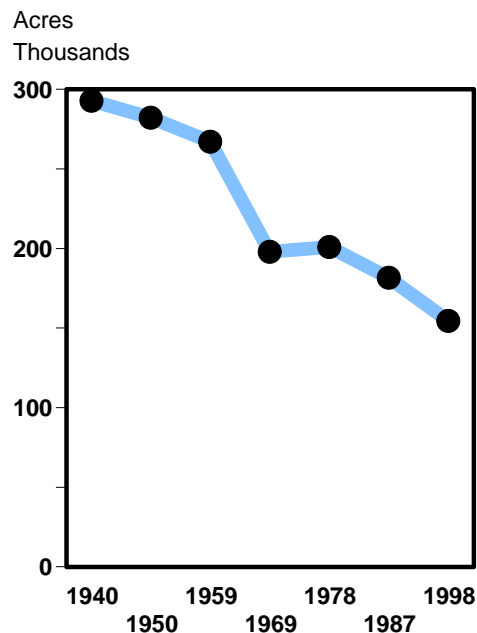
### RESIDENT POPULATION

In 1998, County's population ranked 39th in the state

Year	Total	Population Per Square Mile
1940	59,500	42
1950	61,400	43
1960	66,400	47
1970	67,400	48
1980	66,700	47
1990	65,800	47
1998	64,049	45

U.S. Census of Population

### Land in Farms



**CATTLE: Number on Farms, January 1**

Year	All Cattle & Calves	Beef Cows	Milk Cows
Number on farms			
1940	49,499	1/	1/
1950	50,495	474	34,189
1959	53,060	700	34,761
1969	41,738	1,843	25,103
1978	47,000	1,400	26,500
1982	55,000	1,500	26,000
1987	44,500	900	26,000
1992	41,000	900	22,500
1993	41,000	1,000	22,000
1994	40,000	1,200	22,000
1995	38,000	900	21,000
1996	37,000	1,000	19,000
1997	38,000	1,300	18,500
1998	37,000	1,200	18,500

1940-1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available.

**MILK: Cows & Production**

Year	Annual Avg. Milk Cows	Average Production Per Cow	Total Milk Production
No. Head      Pounds      Million lbs.			
1940	1/	1/	1/
1950	1/	1/	1/
1959	1/	1/	1/
1969	1/	1/	1/
1978	26,500	12,000	318.0
1982	26,500	12,900	314.9
1987	26,500	14,200	376.3
1992	22,500	15,800	355.5
1993	22,000	15,400	338.8
1994	21,500	15,400	331.1
1995	20,000	16,000	320.0
1996	19,000	16,000	304.0
1997	18,500	16,100	297.9
1998	18,500	16,200	299.7

1/ Not available.

**OATS: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	Planted	Harvested	Yield	Production
Acres      Acres      Bushels      Bushels				
1940	1/	8,986	31.4	282,280
1950	1/	8,496	29.2	248,421
1959	1/	11,903	51.2	609,576
1969	1/	1/	1/	1/
1978	6,900	5,500	65.0	357,500
1982	7,100	5,800	66.0	382,800
1987	5,600	2,900	59.0	171,100
1992	2,300	1,800	70.0	126,000
1993	2,200	1,600	65.0	104,000
1994	2,200	1,900	67.0	127,300
1995	1,800	1,500	64.0	96,100
1996	1,800	1,500	60.0	90,200
1997	2,100	1,900	62.0	117,800
1998	2,400	2,100	63.0	132,300

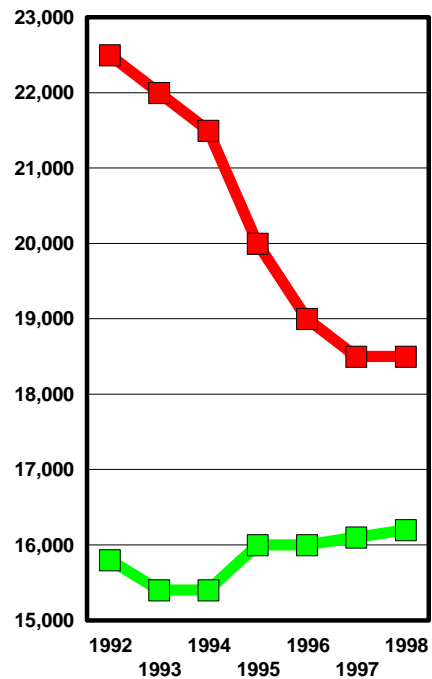
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**EQUINE: Inventory and Value,**

1997 Census of Agriculture

Total Equine	Rank in State	Inventory Value	Rank in State
532	42	\$73,000	40

**MILK: Cows & Production**

■ Annual Avg. Milk Cows  
 ■ Average Production Per Cow

**CORN: Acreage, Yield, and Production**

Year	All Planted	Grain			Silage		
		Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Acres	Bushels	Bushels	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	13,701	1,329	42.0	55,849	1/	1/	1/
1950	11,234	736	49.5	36,408	10,249	10.3	105,648
1959	10,366	631	56.2	35,486	9,645	10.6	102,120
1969	13,100	1,700	86.0	146,200	1/	1/	1/
1978	20,200	3,000	95.0	285,000	17,000	14.5	246,500
1982	22,300	6,600	86.0	567,600	15,500	13.6	210,800
1987	21,000	7,500	99.0	742,500	13,300	15.0	199,500
1992	19,300	5,700	92.0	524,400	12,800	13.6	174,000
1993	19,800	5,000	98.0	490,000	14,600	15.4	224,800
1994	20,000	5,300	111.0	589,000	14,700	14.6	214,200
1995	19,600	5,800	109.0	632,600	13,700	14.0	191,500
1996	19,100	5,900	107.0	631,300	12,900	15.5	199,500
1997	19,400	5,600	111.0	621,600	13,600	14.5	197,200
1998	17,900	5,100	109.0	555,900	12,800	14.7	188,200

1940 - 1969 U.S. Census of Agriculture

1/ Not available

**HAY: Acreage, Yield, and Production 1/**

Year	Alfalfa Hay			Other Hay			Total Hay		
	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production	Harvested	Yield	Production
	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Tons	Tons
1940	5,389	1.8	9,435	73,940	1.3	99,313	79,329	1.4	108,748
1950	7,034	1.9	13,489	65,503	1.5	98,877	72,537	1.5	112,366
1959	24,639	2.2	53,750	45,463	1.8	80,646	70,102	1.9	134,396
1969	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	55,354	2.2	123,384
1978	35,500	2.4	85,200	29,200	2.0	58,400	64,700	2.2	143,600
1982	34,200	2.9	99,200	24,100	2.1	50,600	58,300	2.6	149,800
1987	35,500	2.9	104,000	24,000	2.2	53,400	59,500	2.6	157,400
1992	22,500	2.5	56,000	18,800	2.1	39,500	41,300	2.3	95,500
1993	18,900	2.5	46,900	22,000	2.3	50,400	40,900	2.4	97,300
1994	16,700	3.0	50,000	21,800	2.6	56,900	38,500	2.8	106,900
1995	18,400	2.6	47,800	19,000	2.2	41,800	37,400	2.4	89,600
1996	19,000	2.7	51,300	17,000	2.3	38,900	36,000	2.5	90,200
1997	19,300	2.7	52,700	17,100	2.0	34,200	36,400	2.4	86,900
1998	18,100	2.6	46,600	15,200	2.1	31,900	33,300	2.4	78,500

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1/ Dry hay only - excludes silage and green chop

2/ Not available